THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The Government has not set up any Committee to formulate a naitonal fuel policy for the power sector. However, in order to ensure adequate and timely fuel supply of appropriate qualtiy to power plants there are two standing linkage committees for Long term and Short term under the aegis of Department of Coal (Ministry of Mines and Minerals Apart from the department of Coal, representatives from Ministry of Railways and Power, Central Electricity Authority and Coal producing companies constitute the Committee. Based on the projections of long term source-wise linkage, power generation targets of power houses, requirement of coal by individual power stations, availability of coal at various supply sources and available transport infrastructure, the Standing Linkage Committee Short Term) finalises the monthly coal linkage of power stations on quarterly basis. The short term linkage, thus granted by the Committee also has provision to take care of any eventuality arising out of additional generation by the power stations, fluctuation in availability, bottleneck in transportation system and or infrastructural constraints either at the loading or unloading ends. The supplies against linkages are, however, subject to adequate and timely payments by the SEBs/Power Utilities according to agreed payment terms with Coal India Ltd.

Similarly, for gas, there is an inter-ministerial Gas Linkage Committee which is Chaired by Secretary (Petroleum which decides allotment on the basis of availability of gas and computed economic value of the project. Priority is given to power and fertiliser plants.

Measures Taken for the Security of NHPC Staff

3482. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that recently the militants gunned down Chief of the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) Loktak Hydro-electric project in Manipur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the project executives have been receiving threats on their lives earlier also;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) what special measures Government have taken to ensure security of the staff and executives of the project; and

(f) if not, by when the security measures will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the night of January 12, 2000 at 20.15 Hourse approximately thirty armed men forced their entry into the residence of Shri S.C. Sher, Chief Engineer of the Loktak Hydro-electric Project in Manipur. After overpowering the two security guards and the domestic cook, they shot dead the Chief Engineer.

(c) and (d) yes, Sir. the Project authorities have been receiving thrreats earlier also. The threats from the militants have been of extortion and of death to the officials manning the project. This has, however, been the first time that an official has been killed.

(e) and (f) Ministry of Power, Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation and the State Administration of Manipur have been regularly monitoring and taking steps to provide adequate security to the staff posted in the Loktak HE Project. Five companies of CRPF have now taken over the security of Loktak HE Project. In addition, NHPC has initiated other measures including construction of boundary wall, installation of security lights, reduction in the project staff, better and secure transport and communication arrangements etc. One additional battalion of paramilitary force has been requisitioned for the security of Loktak Downstream project and for Leimatak power house.

Requirement of Power

3483. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated power requirement in the country during the next five years, State-wise;

(b) the target fixed for power generation in the country during this period, State-wise; and

(c) the details of amount proposed to be allocated to achieve the aforesaid targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The State-wise power requirement for the years